

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 20, 1849.

Read twice, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

AN ACT

To authorize the coinage of twenty dollar and one dollar gold pieces, at the mint of the United States and its branches.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the United States of America in Congress*
3 *assembled,* That it shall be lawful, henceforward, to make,
4 at the mint and its branches, twenty dollar gold coins, of
5 the weight of five hundred and sixteen grains, and gold
6 dollar coins, of the weight of twenty-five grains and eight
7 tenths, which coins shall be legal tenders of payment ac-
8 cording to their nominal values.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the above-
2 mentioned coins shall be made, in all respects, in confor-
3 mity with the existing laws regulating the coinage at the
4 mints, except that on the reverse of the gold dollar, the
5 figure of the eagle shall be omitted.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, in adjust-
2 ing the weights of gold coins, henceforward, the following

3 deviations from the standard weight shall not be ex-
 4 ceeded in any of the single pieces, namely, in the double-
 5 eagle, the eagle, and the half-eagle, one half of a grain;
 6 and in the quarter-eagle and gold dollar, one quarter of a
 7 grain; and that in weighing a large number of pieces to-
 8 gether, when delivered from the chief coiner to the trea-
 9 surer, and from the treasurer to the depositors, the devia-
 10 tions from the standard weight shall not exceed three
 11 pennyweights in one thousand double-eagles; one and a
 12 half pennyweights in one thousand half eagles; one pen-
 13 nyweight in one thousand quarter-eagles; and one half of
 14 a pennyweight in one thousand gold dollars.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That so much
 2 of this act as regards the coinage of twenty-dollar and
 3 one dollar gold pieces shall continue in force, until the
 4 fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and
 5 no longer.

Passed the House of Representatives: *Feb. 20, 1849.*

Attest:

THO. J. CAMPBELL, *Clerk.*